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Derby & Dogs: Soap Box Entries Needed

What's better than crazy engineers in ridiculous hats barreling down a 45 degree angled road in nothing more than card board and training wheels? Just crazy engineers in ridiculous hats barreling down a 45 degree angled road in nothing more than cardboard eating a hot dog of course. If this sounds interesting to you, then don't miss the first annual Derby and Dogs event scheduled for Friday, March 10 at 11:00 am on West Campus Road (weather permitting). The Derby is apart of the annual Greek Weekend festivities to be held March 8 – 12. The event is open to all students. Entries are needed. Entry forms are available at Student Activities and must be turned in by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 1, 2006. Students are invited to participate in the race or just stop by to watch. The Greek Weekend committee will provide hotdogs and chips to first 300 students who stop by.

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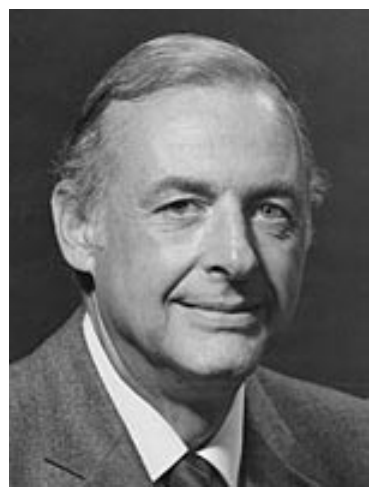
Emeritus Prof. Hall of Famer

Colorado School of Mines Emeritus Professor Richard W. Hutchinson is a 2006 inductee into the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame, established in 1988 as a way to recognize and honor legendary mine finders and builders in the Canadian mining industry. The Hall currently has more than 120 members.

An emeritus professor of geology and geological engineering, Hutchinson was the Charles Franklin Fogarty Professor in Economic Geology at Mines, where he served from 1983 to 1998. He currently resides in Forest, Ontario, Canada.

Hutchinson authored or co-authored hundreds of papers in numerous journals, and he was the recipient of many prestigious awards. However, according to the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame, "His industry peers maintain that his legacy is best reflected in the success of the many students in industry, academia and government whom he inspired and mentored."



Winter Lingers Forth

New Student Info System

As part of the comprehensive CSM Information System conversion to Banner, which was launched in February 2005, the new Student Self-Service system will go live in April. The new Banner Student system will provide a seamless and comprehensive integration between all of the components of the Student system including the general student data and academic records, course management information, financial aid, and billing.

The Student system will be available via the new CSM web portal "Trailhead" allowing student's to access the Self-Service menu anytime and anywhere they have access to a web browser.

Students will register for the Fall 2006 semester on the new system by logging into the Trailhead web portal and accessing the Student Self-Service menu. The new system looks and acts almost identical to the older Student Information System (SIS) currently used at Mines as they are both products of the higher education technology company, Sungard SCT.

The system's back-end offers more powerful data access and management capabilities. This will allow the CSM administration to streamline their management practices and allow them to better serve the faculty and student population.

Students will have access to this new system on April 1st when the Trailhead web portal goes "live" for the student community.

Seeking Students!

We need students to help TEST the new course registration system.

What: Mock 3 Student Registration Simulation

When: Thursday, March 9th at 5:00 PM

Where: CTLM Building room 229

Contact: kristin.oceonnell@is.mines.edu or sign up outside of the Registrar's office

What you get: Drawing for priority registration for the Fall 06 semester!!

ASCSM opposes +/- Grading system again

Charles Perko

At its bimonthly meeting on February 2nd, the student council of ASCSM once again passed a resolution opposing the use of a plus-minus grading system on the Mines campus. The resolution was presented as a response to the recommendation that the CSM graduate school adopt the system to allow professors more leeway in the grading of graduate classes. Although the current plan, if adopted, would not affect the undergraduate population, there were fears from some students that the registrar's office would quickly grow tired of working with two different grading systems and push for the system school wide.

The system assigns point values to grades between the traditional letter grades (for instance, a 91%, or A-, is valued at 3.7 rather than the traditional four, and an 88%, or B+ would be worth 3.3 points rather than three). The controversy of the method lies in the fact that students who would normally just barely attain an A, B, C, etc. in the traditional system would end up with a lower GPA under the new system.

The grading system was last brought before the Faculty Senate in the spring of 2003, leading to a massive outcry of opposition from the student body. At that time, the council, by unanimous vote, resolved to oppose the system. The idea was subsequently shot down by the faculty, largely because of the ASCSM action. With the passage of the reaffirmation, it is once again likely that the issue will fail when it comes to a vote before the faculty in the coming weeks.

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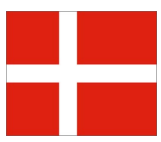

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Soap Box Derby Rules & Info

The rules for the soap-box derby race include the following:

1. The car must have at least three wheels
2. The car must be only gravity powered. Cars with other power sources will be disqualified.
3. The car must have functional breaks. Bike breaks work well.
4. The car must have a functional steering wheel.
5. You cannot go head first in your car.
6. All people in the car must wear a helmet
7. There may only be two people per car
8. There is a 10 yard push zone. Your team may have one pusher.
9. The course starts at the stop sign next to the Pi Phi house on W Campus Rd and ends at Elm Street.

10. Water balloons and water guns are allowed.
11. The first car to the bottom of the hill will be declared winner.

For more information about the event or any Greek Weekend event, please contact the Greek Weekend committee at rhubis@mines.edu or call 303.273.3970.

E-Days Theme

Richard Diaz

Its still early in the semester, but its never too late to cancel all plans for that weekend, and go to the store and buy your grass skirts and coconut bras. In case you haven't heard, the theme for this year's E-Days is "Maui-Wow-E-Days." With our biggest budget ever, this should be an E-Days that should leave great memories forever. That is, if you're sober. We have a ton of exciting new events lined up for this year's celebration, as well as all your favorites. Get ready to dance your pants off at the concert, laugh hysterically at the comedian, participate in one of our school's longest traditions with the orecart pull, and have a blast at all the events on the IM Fields.

NSBE Cultural Celebration
Friday, February 24, 2006

For more information contact Student Activities

RELAY FOR LIFE
American Cancer Society

GOLDEN KICKOFF PARTY

Monday, February 27, 2006
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Colorado School of Mines
Ben Parker Student Center, Ballroom A
1600 Maple Street

Parking on street or behind Student Center (west side)

Come to:

- Learn more about Relay For Life!
- Enjoy free food!
- Meet other Relay For Life participants!
- Register your team!

The RFL of Golden will be May 13-14, 2006 at the North Area Athletic Complex.

ΒΘΠ Ski-a-Thon for Ski-Slope Safety

In 2003, an alumnus of the Beta Phi chapter of Beta Theta Pi, Denver Haslam, was severely injured after running into a tree while skiing at Arapahoe Basin. His injuries included massive blood loss, broken vertebrae, ruptured organs, and other brutal injuries resulting in a coma. Denver survived only because his head suffered minor injuries thanks to the helmet he was wearing. It is safe to say that his helmet is the only thing that allowed him to be here today. Denver and the Beta Phi chapter have spent the last few years sharing this and other stories in hopes that people will learn from him and protect themselves by wearing a helmet.

WHAT: Beta Theta Pi's annual Ski-A-Thon at Loveland Ski Area
WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 25th all day long
WHO: You, your friends, your dog, your mom, your single sister, etc.
WHY: To raise money for a good cause and to hit the slopes!!

This is the eighth year of the annual Ski-a-Thon fund-raising event in hopes of raising local awareness of safety on the slopes and helping fund various projects around the metro area. In the past eight years, $32,000 has been raised from generous donations from both public and private parties. The event is a nationally recognized and awarded program and receives considerable media coverage each year including 9 news, the Denver Post, and the Rocky Mountain News.

This year, the Ski-a-Thon will be held at the Loveland Ski Resort on Saturday, February 25th. We invite you to join us in a day of shreddin' the slopes and raising money for a good cause. For $35 you will get a lift ticket, shirt, raffle ticket, and lunch at the mountain as well as a donation towards the program. There will also be a rail jam with a grand prize of a DNA jacket and pants. The entry fee for the competition is $15 or $10 with the whole package. Got a lift ticket already? Then lunch and a t-shirt is only $10. Also, there will be over $12,000 in prizes including this year's entire line of DNA apparel. The event is also being sponsored by Salomon, Leedom, Smith, Jibij pro-shop, Christy Sports, Loveland Ski Area, Patton Boggs Law Office, and Instant Imprints. Extra raffle tickets are a dollar apiece or 6 for $5. Remember, all proceeds go to St. Anthony's donor program, the Intermountain Neurosurgery Helmet Donor Program.

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Greek Leaders Attend Conference

This past weekend 8 Greek executives - Casey Morse, Marc Guerra, Alex Davidson, Marshall Aurand, Beth Frontzcak, Becca Hubis, Coree Javernick, and Jenn Crites- attended the Mid-American Greek Council Association Conference, MGCA. Also attending was Greek Advisor Jen Doane. The group left Thursday, and after some unfortunate weather, arrived late Thursday night to the Windy City. The conference is meant as a tool to educate all Greek Councils, such as the Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council we have on campus. Representatives attended weekend long sessions on such things as recruitment, leadership, risk management, and other topics relative to the Greek Community.

This was no small conference! With representatives from 29 states and countless schools, there were over 1500 student representatives in attendance. This was a great opportunity for Mines councils to compare ideas with similar schools.

There were also many guest speakers and entertainers, including Mission IMPROVable, who Mines Activity Council brought to campus earlier this semester. The program "Sex Signals" – coming to Mines March 6th – was also present during MGCA. Unfamiliar to our campus was speaker T.J. Sullivan and his hilarious program, "How to Confront the Idiot in Your Chapter."

But, the conference was not just all fun and laughs. Many serious issues where touched upon, such as DUI, alcohol deaths, and many other stereotypes of the Greek Community. Hopefully with the skills learned at MGCA, our council leaders will be able to bring the most positive image possible for our Greek community to the Mines campus!

Exhibition at Foothills Art Center

Sometimes art and science come together to create monuments which offer rich experiences to viewers worldwide. That's what's going on in the friendly Foothills Art Center (FAC), located at the corner of 15th and Washington Avenue, Golden, CO and housed in a national historic register church building of great charm.

A national touring exhibition of wildlife sculptures by Kent Ullberg, of Corpus Christi, Texas and Loveland, CO is on view through March 12th.

Ullberg has created some of the largest public art installations in the world. He has retained Colorado roots because of his partnership with Bob Zimmerman, founder of Art Castings foundry in Loveland, "the best foundry in America," says Ullberg. Zimmerman was an honors graduate of the Colorado School of Mines.

You will see sculptures in bronze, stone and steel from each period in the sculptor's career to date. Throughout Ullberg's body of work and throughout the exhibition there's a paradoxical sense of stillness and motion: In Ft. Lauderdale, his silvery game fish, 120 ft. long leap into the air. A smaller version with a turquoise patina (oxidized copper) is on view in the show. (See photo) On the other hand, a stealthy cougar stretches out along a tree limb in utter silence.

Audiences have been captivated by the powerful vitality of Ullberg's wildlife pieces.

An adjunct exhibition of landscape paintings by Ron Kingswood complements the sculpture. The spare somewhat abstract works reinforce the feeling that you've entered a wilderness environment. Metallurgy students and faculty – you'll love it! Likewise nature buffs, deep sea fisherman and just folks who love animals.

FAC's Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, 1 to 5 PM

Students admitted free; for more information, please visit Foothills' website at www.foothillsartcenter.org or call 303-279-3922

Local Greek Receives National scholarship

Representing not only the Colorado School of Mines Greek Community, but all Greeks across the state, Sara Felling, graduate student in engineering systems, has been chosen for the national Order of Omega scholarship. Felling was one of several students who applied at Mines. She was selected by the Theta Mu executive board to represent the college because of her outstanding scholarship, dedication the Greek community and involvement on campus. "Sara is an exceptional student and excellent representative of the Greek community," Jenifer Doane, Assistant Director of Student Activities. Each chapter of the Order of Omega may nominate only two (2) members for consideration. Applicants were judged on their contribution to Order of Omega, Fraternity/Sorority, Greek community, and campus community. Sara will receive her award at the Greek Awards Banquet on Sunday, March 12. "Congratulations to the Colorado School of Mines for developing such an outstanding example of Greek Life," Kent Gardner. The Order of Omega sponsors $750, $500, and $100 undergraduate Scholarship Awards in the names of current and past Executive Directors, *Dr. Kent L. Gardner*, *Patrick W. Halloran*, and *Parker F. Enright*. In addition, Order of Omega offers one SBC scholarship in the amount of $1,000. Scholarship applicants must be juniors or seniors displaying leadership and service to their Order of Omega chapter, Greek system, and Campus Life. Since 1985, The Order of Omega has awarded $428,750 in undergraduate scholarships and $94,500 in graduate fellowships.

WELLNESS DAY!

Friday, March 10, 2006
10:30 am to 1:30 PM

Student Center Ballrooms

Don't miss out on this year's Wellness Day event! Meet local experts, gather great info and giveaways, sample healthy snacks, win cool prizes and even meet some adoptable animals.

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Safe Zone Training

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Wednesday, February 22nd
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Boettcher Room in the Arthur Lakes Library

glbtss at Auraria
www.glbtss.org

The Safe Zone Project is designed to educate students, staff, faculty, and administrators about the experiences, concerns, and issues of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) members of our community. Having spaces on campus where GLBT people can feel comfortable with their identity is vital to both personal and academic success. This is your chance to make yourself, your office, or your department a Safe Zone!

Presented by: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Services at Auraria

For more information, call GLBTSS at 303-556-6333 or email info@glbtss.org

Greek Weekend 2006

All event sign-up sheets and award applications are due February 24, 2006, at 5:00 in the Student Activities Office.

For five days, starting March 8, Greek members will compete in various friendly competitions and attend exciting events all as apart of Greek Weekend 2006.

This annual event is designed to encourage Greek Unity and promote Greek Life. Several of the events require teams to have members from different chapters while other events are open to the entire campus.

The theme for this year's Greek Weekend is One Heaven, One Hell, One Weekend.

Penny Wars is an event where each chapter will be given a bucket for pennies and all other change to be collected during the week. The buckets will be on a table in the Student Center Lobby. The goal is to collect as much money as possible. Chapters should place pennies in their chapter bucket and all silver change in the other chapter's buckets. The team with the highest point total at the end of the week wins. All money collected will be given to the Christopher Reeves Foundation.

Chapters will also participate in the banner competition. Each chapter will make a banner to display on the outside of their house throughout Greek Weekend. There is no size limit to the banners. Banners must reflect the Greek Weekend theme, One Heaven One Hell One Wee Banners will be judged on (1) creativity (2) originality (3) incorporation of theme (4) quality and effort (5) display of Greek Unity. The winners of the banner competition will be announced at the Awards Brunch Sunday.

Sports and healthy competition is an important part of Greek Weekend. Volleyball courts will be set up on Kafadaar Commons on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The courts are open to anyone. Please respect the equipment. Greek Weekend will also include a Wiffle Ball Homerun Derby and

a Flag Football Tournament.

Greek Weekend is pleased to sponsor the Sigma Nu Charity Bowl - a dodge ball tournament fund-raiser. Non-Greek teams are encouraged to enter a team into the Charity Bowl. All money raised form the event will be donated.

In addition to sports, Greek Weekend will include social events such as Greek-a-palooza. This event is free and open to campus. Come here local (we mean really local) bands play.

Finally, Greek Weekend will end with the Morning After Awards Brunch. Chapters will be recognized for outstanding achievement in various areas from service to scholarship.

For more information about Greek Weekend or any of the events, please email rhubis@mines.edu or call 303.273.3970 or stop by Student Activities.

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, March 8

All Day	Penny Wars	Student Center
9:00 PM	Kick-Off Bash	Jillian's @ Colorado Mills

Thursday, March 9 - Heaven

All Day	Banner Competition	Chapter Houses
All Day	Penny Wars	Student Center
All Day	Volleyball Games	Kafadaar Commons
4:00 PM	Wiffle Ball Homerun Derby	IM Fields
6:00 PM	All Greek Dinner	Friedhoff Hall
9:30 PM	Movie Night – King Kong	Student Center – Ballrooms

Friday, March 10 - Hell

All Day	Penny Wars	Student Center - Lobby
All Day	Spirit Day (Wear your G.W. Shirt!!)	Student Center
All Day	SDAS Wellness Day	Student Center
All Day	Volleyball Games	Kafadaar Commons
11:00 am	Derby & Dogs	IM Fields
5:00 PM	FAC	I-Club
6:00 PM	Flag Football Tournament	IM Fields
8:00 PM	Greek-a-palooza	Field House

Saturday, March 11- Heaven & Hell

All Day	Penny Wars	Student Center - Lobby
All Day	Volleyball Games	Kafadaar Commons
All Day	Charity Bowl	Field House
11:30 am	Greek Olympics	IM Fields
8:00 PM	Heaven & Hell Party with Pool Party!	Field House/Gym

Sunday, March 12

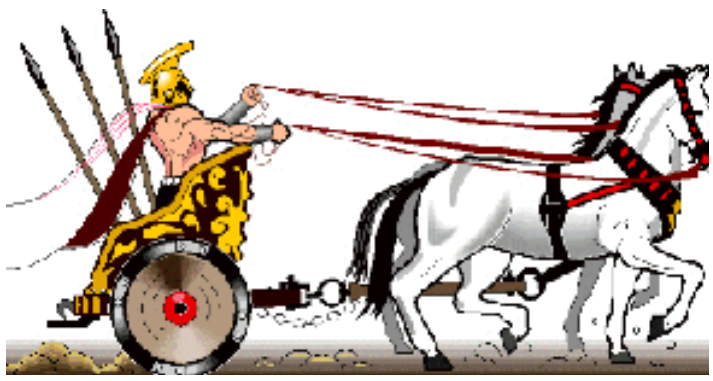
11:30 am	Morning After Awards Brunch with Photo Contest Judging	Friedhoff Hall

****Dates, times and locations subject to change***
***** Depending on weather!***

GREEK OLYMPICS MARCH 11

11:30 AM IM FIELDS

The Greek Olympics is a competition between each of the chapters in which each chapter will compete in an obstacle course, tug of war, an egg joust, and an angel food/devil food cake eating contest. The Obstacle Course will consist of a penguin race, a trident throw, a sack race, balloon shave, Greek puzzle, and McDonalds race. The Tug-O-War will be a single elimination tournament consisting of teams with no more than ten participants. The Egg Joust will be a single elimination tournament consisting of teams of two, one male and one female. The Angel Food/ Devil Food Cake eating contest will be a timed event with the participants placed as they finish.



BANDS WANTED!!!

Bands wanted to play 30 minuet sets on Saturday, March 10th during Greek-a-Polooza

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE GREEK TO PLAY OR ATTEND!!!

DEADLINE: February 28th

SPECIFICATIONS:

- Bring your own equipment!
  - instruments
  - cables
  - mics and mic stands
  - amps
  - Stage and PA will be supplied for you
- If possible, send in demo
- Your band must have a name!
- You will not receive any prizes or money, but this is a great way to get your band name out and just have fun!!

Interested?!
Contact Richard Barnes
rbarnes@mines.edu

Celebrating March Women's History Month

In 1911 in Europe, March 8 was first celebrated as International Women's Day. In many European nations, as well as in the United States, women's rights was a political hot topic. Woman suffrage — winning the vote — was a priority of many women's organizations. Women (and men) wrote books on the contributions of women to history.

But with the economic depression of the 1930's which hit on both sides of the Atlantic, and then World War II, women's rights went out of fashion. In the 1950's and 1960's, after Betty Friedan pointed to the "problem that has no name" — the boredom and isolation of the middle-class housewife who often gave up intellectual and professional aspirations — the women's movement began to revive.

With "women's liberation" in the 1960's, interest in women's issues and women's history blossomed.

By the 1970's, there was a growing sense by many women that "history" as taught in school — and especially in grade school and high school — was incomplete with attending to "her story" as well. In the United States, calls for inclusion of black Americans and Native Americans helped some women realize that women were invisible in most history courses.

And so in the 1970's many universities began to include the fields of women's history and the broader field of women's studies.

In 1978 in California, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women began a "Women's History Week" celebration. The week was chosen to coincide with International Women's Day, March 8.

The response was positive. Schools began to host their own Women's History Week programs. The next year, leaders from the California group shared their project at a Women's History Institute at Sarah Lawrence College. Other participants not only determined to begin their own local Women's History Week projects, but agreed to support an effort to have Congress declare a national Women's History Week.

Three years later, the United States Congress passed a resolution establishing National Women's History Week. Co-sponsors of the resolution, demonstrating bipartisan support, were Senator Orrin Hatch, a Republican from Utah, and Representative Barbara Mikulski, a Democrat from Maryland.

This encouraged even wider participation in Women's History Week. Schools focused for that week on special projects and exhibitions honoring women in history. Organizations sponsored talks on women's history. The National Women's History Project began distributing materials specifically designed to support Women's History Week, as well as materials to enhance the teaching of history through the year, to include notable women and women's experience.

In 1987, at the request of the National Women's History Project, Congress expanded the week to a month, and the U.S. Congress has issued a resolution every year since then, with wide support, for Women's History Month. The U.S. President asks issues each year a proclamation of Women's History Month.

To further extend the inclusion of women's history in the history curriculum (and in everyday consciousness of history), the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in History in America met through the 1990's. One result has been the effort towards establishing a National Museum of Women's History for the Washington, DC, area, where it would join other museums such as the American History Museum.

The purpose of Women's History Month is to increase consciousness and knowledge of women's history: to take one month of the year to remember the contributions of notable and ordinary women, in hopes that the day will soon come when it's impossible to teach or learn history without remembering these contributions.

As the Women's History Guide at About, I focus on women's history 366 days a year. To honor this special month, I encourage you to explore this site, learning more about one important aspect of the history of all people. Women's history isn't just for women, although many women find that studying women's history helps them realize that women's place is everywhere.

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Celebrating History with Sorority Badge Day

Get ready, on March 6th be prepared to see bling all over campus. Gold and silver

Badges will be visible on all sorority ladies throughout the day. From Arrows to Greek letters to Triangles, Sorority girls will be displaying their

pride for being Greek. March 6th celebrates National Badge Day for all sororities belonging to National Panhellenic Conference.

For all three of the sororities we have on campus their badges signify many

Important ideas and values. Pi Beta Phi's badge is a gold Arrow with a chain connecting the head to the tail. It was adopted in 1867 and was worn for the first time on May 14, 1867. In 1888 it was decided to inscribe Pi Beta

Phi on the tail of the arrow. Pi Phi's will be wearing their arrows on their left side near their heart.

Alpha Phi Badge is also gold but the symbol worn is a monogram Alpha superimposed on the symbol Phi. Inscribed on the Phi are the black letters A, O, and E which have special meanings to the members. Alpha Phi badge was adopted in 1906 and was the first women's organization to use Greek letters as their emblem. In 1898 the sorority adopted the silver ivy leaf as a special pin given to new members. This ever-growing vine symbolizes the growth of sisterhood.

Finally Sigma Kappa holds the triangle badge close to their hearts. To

a Sigma Kappa this is no ordinary geometry shape. The badge was adopted on March 7, 1894 replacing the Greek letter Kappa with a snake intertwined. In 1915 pearls were approved as the sorority jewel thus allowing the addition of pearls to the badge. The triangle badge is to be worn above all other fraternity jewelry.

All three of the Sororities will show there pride by shining those badges and

Showing their bling for campus to see.

Giving Back to Our Roots

Tim Taylor

Giving back to the community. Working with the people around you to better the place which you live. Doesn't that make you feel good inside; knowing that you are doing all that you can to make the world a better place? If that's the case then the Greeks on campus must feel pretty dang good about themselves.

Always looking for a way to give back to the community, fraternities and sororities are constantly providing public services in order to make our campus, town, state, and country better.

The Greeks on campus partake in activities ranging from tutoring children in schools to decorating the city of Golden during Christmas. All of these are fun filled activities and rewarding for both parties.

This upcoming semester, Greek life will be busy with scheduled events throughout the community.

Sigma Nu Fraternity will hold their annual Charity Bowl which money is raised for the Christopher Reeves Foundation. Sigma Kappa will be working with the Habitat for Humanity this semester and will work with a local nursing home during Valentine's Day. And IFC is currently planning a bike race in order to raise money for charity.

Along with these organizations, the sororities and other fraternities are constantly participating in various philanthropy events throughout the year.

Another semester brings a better community and our Greek organizations are leading the way!

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Letter to the Editor

"Don't let the door hit them in the ass." This was the response to a Colorado School of Mines student's question to the Board of Trustees regarding the possibility of losing professors over the presidential search.

This attitude reflects the Board's position with regard to the groups on this campus. The faculty, alumni, department heads and classified employees have all decried the Board's decision to run a closed presidential search process.

Yet, the Board continues glazing over the issues with trite e-mails thanking us for our interest and encouraging us to nominate candidates.

The Board cites right to privacy issues as the cause of the closed search format. But the Board, despite repeated requests, has never explained how they arrived at the conclusion that privacy is impossible to maintain using a traditional search committee consisting of campus constituencies, even though the vast majority of educational institutions use this time honored method.

Let this be a warning to any incoming presidential candidates or faculty. The Board of Trustees at CSM has fostered a hostile relationship between themselves and the rest of campus. In doing so, they have no doubt lost qualified presidential candidates, and stand ready to lose highly respected faculty on this campus.

-Kyle Fitzpatrick, Student

A Few Thoughts...

I think Kyle raises an interesting point here. The fact of the matter is that the Colorado School of Mines community really doesn't have *any* information about the Board's search for Presidential candidates. In a letter to the editor – published on January 25, 2006 in the *Oredigger* – CSM Associate Professor Colin Wolden made a few remarkable points about the presidential search:

"By law the Presidential Search Committee would enjoy the same latitude as the BOT with respect to the use of executive session. Furthermore, confidentiality was not an issue in the last CSM search. In addition, the University of Colorado is governed by the same laws and is employing an "open-process" in its search for a new chancellor. Thus, the primary justification for the BOT to act alone as the search committee is baseless. Their action raised a number of difficult questions:

-What is the real motivation behind their action?

-Did Dr. Nyikos mislead the campus community intentionally, or out of ignorance?

-Which is worse? and regardless, Is either acceptable from the leader of CSM?

The Faculty's answer to the last question is an unequivocal no. It was this action, the deliberate disenfranchisement of CSM's most vital constituencies, and the subsequent mishandling of the Presidential Search that compelled the Faculty to take the exceptional step of casting its no confidence vote."

What I find most amusing about this entire string of events is that every member save Dr. Nyikos has acted completely out of observational status. Moreover, nobody – no student, no reporter, no professor – currently has enough information to construct an informed and educated opinion; for this reason, I find these overly-opinionated pieces more comical than informative.

Now, I'm neither condoning nor condemning the actions of Dr. Nyikos simply because I, too, am void of all information. One hates to be the pragmatist in an emotional battle, but where's the fire? The Board attempted the search using conventional methods and it wasn't successful. Is the CSM community – or, rather, are particular members of the CSM community – really *that* untrustworthy?

I don't think anyone can read the above quote and believe it lacks conviction. Rather, it's one of the most pointed and articulate opinions I've read in awhile. Honestly, I think it's a fascinating insight into the human psyche. So, let's first restate the idea that nobody – no student, no reporter, no professor – currently has enough information to construct an informed and educated opinion.

That said, what could possibly be the cause of all this fuss? Honestly, I believe these emotions stem from a few key points:

•Some people have an innate yearning to battle, whether it be verbally or physically

•The majority of the populous has a very sheepish tendency

•A person who engages in moral battle will typically view themselves in a realm of moral righteousness and, therefore, justify their actions by "fighting the good fight." Thus, they feel better as individuals.

While people generally exercise an amount of complacency and apathy, it doesn't take much to rile them. Moreover, if an individual feels that they have *one* audience member by simply speaking, two moments later they'll have a speaker system and a *room full*. It follows that old principle, give a mouse a cookie and they'll want a glass of milk.

Ergo, the *true* majority of the CSM community needs to put these extreme opinions in context. The simplest solution is if everybody would simply do what they're paid to do. Opinions are always encouraged, but the more we all intertwine our thoughts and, subsequently, our responsibilities, the more the efficiency and effectiveness of the institution as a whole decreases.

-Zach Aman
Editorials Editor

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Afghan Cartoon Protesters Threaten to Join Al Qaeda

Courtesy of the New York Times

Hundreds of Afghan students shouted support on Monday for Osama bin Laden and threatened to join al Qaeda during a protest against cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed.

In an attempt to cool the controversy after a weekend of rioting in countries including Nigeria, where 28 people were killed, and Libya, where 11 died, Pope Benedict said the world's religions and their symbols had to be respected.

Pakistan's main Islamic alliance vowed to broaden its campaign with more protests targeted at the U.S. and Pakistani presidents.

The protest in the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad passed off without violence. Students gathered at the university campus chanted ``Death to Denmark,'' ``Death to America'' and ''Death to France,'' a witness said.

They also shouted support for al Qaeda leaders Osama bin Laden and Ayman al Zawahri.

Shouting ``Death to Karzai,'' they demanded President Hamid Karzai close the embassies of Denmark, the United States and France and expel their forces from Afghanistan.

``If they abuse the Prophet of Islam again we will all become al Qaeda,'' the students shouted.

Two weeks ago in Afghanistan, at least 10 people were killed in several days of protests over the cartoons but violent demonstrations there have largely petered out.

VIOLENCE

The cartoons, first published in a Danish newspaper last year and reprinted in European papers, have sparked worldwide protests by Muslims who believe it is blasphemous to depict the Prophet.

In a speech to the new Moroccan ambassador to the Vatican, the Pope said: ``In order to promote peace and understanding between peoples and mankind it is both vital and urgent that religions and their symbols are respected and that believers are not the object of provocations that wound their religious feelings.''

``However, intolerance and violence can never be justified as a response to any offence, because it is a response that is incompatible with the sacred principles of religion,'' he added.

Some 56 people have been killed and at least 280 injured in the protests, half of them in northern Nigeria. In the deadliest protests this weekend, at least 28 people died in riots in two Muslim states in northern Nigeria.

A Red Cross official said on Monday the death toll from the riots in Maiduguri, where 21 people were killed, could rise further as some of the 207 people hurt were in critical condition. Troops patrolled the capital of the northeastern state of Borno to prevent further violence.

About a dozen churches, 200 shops, 50 houses and 100 vehicles were razed or vandalized by protesters in Maiduguri who ran wild after police fired teargas to disperse them.

Protests continued on Monday. In the Hindu kingdom of Nepal, about 5,000 Muslims marched through the western town of Nepalgunj and presented a memorandum to the chief bureaucrat of the town. ``Punish the cartoonist,'' some of them shouted.

MORE PAKISTAN PROTESTS

Pakistan's main Islamic alliance, the Muttahida Majlis-i-Amal (MMA), said on Monday it would broaden its campaign. Five people died in protests in Pakistan last week.

Qazi Hussain Ahmed, president of the MMA, was held under house arrest in Lahore at the weekend to prevent him leading a rally in the capital Islamabad on Sunday.

After his release on Monday he called publication of the cartoons in European newspapers ``part of the clash of civilizations led by (U.S. President George W.) Bush.''

``Therefore our movement is against Bush as well as against Mush,'' he told a news briefing, referring to Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, a key ally in Bush's war on terrorism.

A countrywide protest is planned for Friday, another in Lahore on Sunday and a nationwide general strike on March 3.

Further protests are planned and could coincide with a visit to Pakistan by Bush, expected in early March, although no dates for that visit have yet been announced.

Last week, a Pakistani Muslim cleric and his followers offered rewards amounting to over $1 million for anyone who killed Danish cartoonists who drew the Prophet caricatures. The cartoonists are under police protection.

Denmark and Norway on Monday condemned the bounty. ``It's murder and murder is also forbidden by the Koran,'' Danish Foreign Minister Per Stig Moeller said.

Another Quick Thought...

Perhaps, the best way to fight terrorism doesn't consist of fancy military weaponry or massive policy changes. Perhaps, the best way is to simply stop alienating the rest of the world! These people don't hate us for our freedom, George, they hate us because we outright insult them through a pure lack of respect for their culture.

The Cartoon Bomb

Courtesy of The Nation

Over the past few weeks, Europe and the Muslim world have faced increasing protests, marked in parts of the Arab world by arson, death threats and the killing of demonstrators. The catalyst is not Americans torturing detainees in an Iraqi prison, or an Israeli assault on a Palestinian town, or Western threats against Iran over its nuclear program. It is a series of cartoons, including images of the Prophet Muhammad, published in a Danish newspaper. But it is no laughing matter.

The crisis began simmering after the cartoons were published on September 30 by the right-wing daily Jyllands-Posten. Even leaving aside the Islamic stricture against visual representations of the Prophet, it is not surprising that the cartoons offended Denmark's Muslim minority--not to mention many Danes who respect their Muslim neighbors. In one cartoon Muhammad's turban is a bomb; in another a turbaned figure in heaven implores a group of suicide bombers to stop because "we ran out of virgins!" Muslim clerics in Copenhagen denounced the cartoons in their sermons, demonstrations were organized to demand an apology and ambassadors from Muslim countries requested meetings with officials. Denmark's prime minister defended the paper's right to publish the cartoons on free-speech grounds and refused to meet with Danish Muslims or Muslim ambassadors.

By late January Danish embassies throughout the Middle East were attracting angry crowds. In a show of solidarity with Jyllands-Posten, newspapers throughout Europe ran the cartoons, detonating even more furious reactions, from rioting and arson in Beirut and Kabul to an Iranian newspaper's Holocaust cartoon contest. What had begun as a local affair had developed into a seeming showdown between Europe (portrayed as either liberal and tolerant or anti-Muslim and neocolonialist) and Islam (portrayed as either victimized and proud or backward and repressive)--a cardboard "clash of civilizations" deeply gratifying to the right-wing Europeans and radical Islamists who had fanned the flames of Copenhagen.

It mattered little that the attacks were roundly condemned by moderate Muslims like scholar Tariq Ramadan, who, writing in the Guardian, deplored the recklessness of governments that seized upon the cartoons to "bolster their Islamic legitimacy in the eyes of the public," or that liberal European journalists like Neal Ascherson pilloried Jyllands-Posten for inflaming Muslim sensitivities. Thanks to an unholy convergence of actions by a right-wing newspaper and radical Muslims--helped along by a cynical prime minister and European newspapers that misleadingly treated the matter as simply a contest over free speech--the Danish cartoon scandal has exploded into an international crisis.

There is, to be sure, no moral equivalence between the attacks on Danish embassies and the publication (or republication) of a cartoon, however offensive. Cartoons specialize in overstatement, but while they may give--intend to give--offense, they cause no casualties. It is, moreover, contradictory to condemn anti-Muslim bigotry while publishing anti-Semitic calumnies like the Protocols of the Elders of Zion (regularly featured in the Arabic media).

This magazine has historically been committed to freedom of speech, an essential principle that democratic societies have established over years of struggle, and we remain vigilant in its defense. Given attacks over the years from within our own constituency on cartoons by such esteemed Nation artists as Edward Sorel, David Levine and Robert Grossman, we at The Nation know as well as anyone their power to inflame emotions. Defending free speech means defending the rights of those with whom we disagree most profoundly, whether they are cartoonists who would have us believe that Muhammad is the forefather of today's suicide bombers, marchers who argue that "blasphemy" is not covered by freedom of speech or Holocaust revisionists on trial in Europe, where some speech is not protected.

The cartoon scandal is about much more than freedom of speech. At its heart the controversy is about power--the power of images; the power that divides Muslim and non-Muslim Europeans, the West and the Middle East; the power of radical Islamists to silence more moderate voices--and the responsibility that comes with power. In today's volatile political climate--charged by the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, by Israel's construction of the "separation wall" in Palestine, by the controversy over the hijab and the revolt in the French banlieues, by the growth of anti-immigration politics and radical Islam in "liberal" Europe and by the velocity with which news and rumor travel on the Internet--the point is not Jyllands-Posten's right to publish but its editorial wisdom, its sense of civic responsibility.

But whether or not the publishing of the cartoons was a reckless provocation, and whether or not the violent response was manipulated by Islamists, we must come to terms with the conditions that created the tinderbox. Cartoons embody larger political and social issues. As Gary Younge notes in this issue, discrimination against Muslims is an objective fact: Racially motivated crimes in Denmark have recently doubled. After the cartoon crisis has passed, that truth will remain.

The Liberal Disease

Courtesy of The Washington Times

"It's one thing to support the president but an entirely different matter to have a Bush bumper sticker on your car." And so it began — my wife's initiation into the loving, tolerant fold of liberal women acquaintances. She had declined an offer to help finance John Kerry's campaign. What a firestorm! My poor wife had thought that liberal Democrats epitomized free speech, the civil exchange of ideas, diversity and inclusion. Rather than intellectual discourse, however, she found a light show of censorship, revulsion and hate. In a show of incredulous hostility, they swarmed around her, called her names and then left her to sit by herself. In recounting the day's events, she told me she had contracted "You-are-a-fascist-and are-alone-iosis."

I confessed that I too had gotten the bug — my boss yelled at me and called me a fascist. I think the kids have it too. Their elementary school newspaper carried an informal poll of well-informed students (K through 5) which listed reasons to love John Kerry and hate George Bush. Deep within the network of caves buried under our community, a conspiracy is afoot to quarantine us. Rightly so. Who wants this disease?

The creation of an illusion that support for the president is aberrant, is unsettling . . . but not surprising. My wife's pals represent a microcosm of liberal fantasy made real. Of course, her secret connections to Halliburton are well known. She is milking the Iraqi people. She hates poor people and offers snide remarks about the handicapped. Beneath the various mysteries contained in every woman's purse, fitted snugly next to her lipstick and Nazi identity card, are her machine gun and Confederate flag. My wife staunchly supports marching off to any war without reason. She is delighted when we suffer casualties. She advocates unsafe abortion and hates gay people. Because she supports the Patriot Act, she hates free speech. A cross hangs over the bed, even though she is Jewish. She despises clean water. Saddam's spider hole briefcase hangs on her wall. She supports right-wing conspiracies of all shapes and sizes. But now that "You-are-a-fascist-and are-alone-iosis" has been confirmed by laboratory rats, what to do? She requires an emergent eight point plan of treatment:

1) She is right to feel alone, even if Republicans control both houses of Congress, 2/3 of governorships (including our state's governorship) and, oh yes, the presidency. She should hang her head in shame.

2) She is a fascist — she should just go with it.

3) She has a right to support the president, as long as she keeps it to herself. She has to lose the bumper sticker.

4) She should self-censor her thoughts and ideas: Her friends are far too busy with their social agendas to continuously provide this important service.

5) She is exclusive and intolerant — even more so since Republicans freed the slaves and outvoted Democrats in support of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. She should crawl into a hole.

6) She must not take a black eye for her beliefs: With all her war-like aggression, who has time? She must put a bag over her head.

7) She must give all of her money away — after all, her friends give their money away...to their children and their brokers.

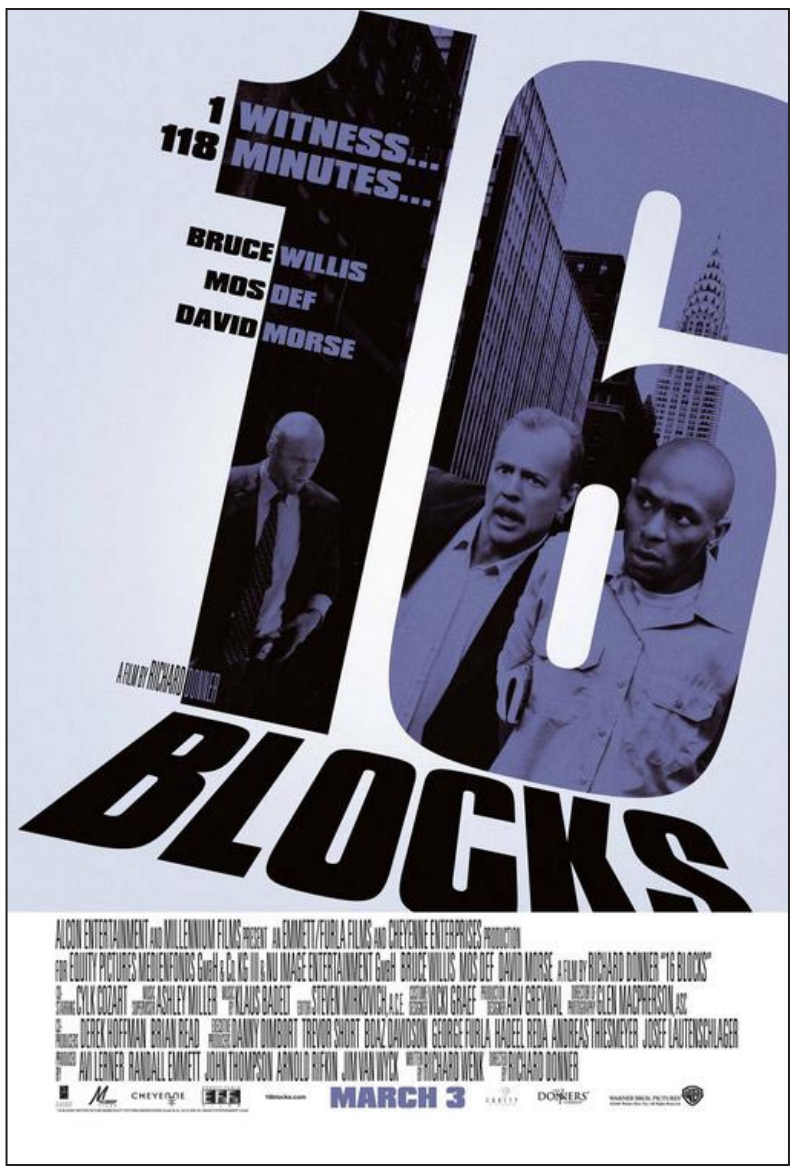
8) For her views — whatever they are, she should be arrested, isolated, convicted and sentenced. After all, that is the hallmark of judicial activism.

What do I really tell her? Liberal thought defies reality. Ideas are impulse driven, emotional and certainly in the case of my wife, shamefully wrong and hypocritical. In fact, she has the anti-disease. Accusations leveled against her are simply intolerable projections of her friends' own shortcomings. They loathe free speech — unless it is their own, are well connected, have plenty of money, speak ill of others less fortunate. Their notion of diversity is superficial. Their censorship skills are finely honed. I tell my wife that feelings of isolation are a contrived illusion — a smokescreen created by those who have no true core beliefs. I tell her that liberals are collections of small clumps of desperate groups with varied agendas who emerge en masse to fruitlessly scream and protest at rallies. But the stakes are truly great. How ironic, I tell her, that the appeasing Bush hating "why can't we all get along" party of Al Gore, Nancy Pelosi and Ted Kennedy dream of world involvement in our nation's affairs and wish to be guided by a bouquet of warring Third World nations . . . yet are so completely devoid of any ability to tolerate differing views on even the most local community level. The party of civility and inclusion is truly the party of shrieking instability, unabashed anger, inequality and emotionality.

My wife will not be financing John Kerry's election bid. Who would want the support of someone with "You-are-a-fascist-and are-alone-iosis" anyway?

Arriving Shortly

Chase Hoffman



February 24th

Madea's Family Reunion
Lions Gate Films
Drama/Comedy, Rated PG-13
Starring: Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood, Lynn Whitfield
Directed by Tyler Perry (also directed *Diary of a Mad Black Woman*)
Summary: Madea is back and she's having a family reunion. Like all family reunions, this is an invitation to drama and a little mayhem as well as outdoor BBQ and watermelon.
Impression: Personally, I'm sick of Tyler Perry. If you've liked his stuff before, ignore what I have to say. If you're my side, then you'll probably enjoy having your wisdom teeth pulled more than this film.

Doogal
The Weinstein Company
Family, Rated G
Starring: Daniel Tay, Jimmy Fallon, Jon Stewart, Whoopi Goldberg, Chevy Chase
Directed by Jean Duval, Frank Passingham, Dave Borthwick
Summary: Legends tells of three magic stones to rule the world and only one fearless warrior can stop the unimaginable evil. Doogal (Tay) must lead an odd fellowship to find and secure these mystical jewels.
Impression: That summary is almost like the introduction to the trailer. I swear this is a G rated rip off of the *Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring*. The weird part is that some kids will watch this and marvel because they don't know the truth of this plot piracy.

Running Scared
New Line Cinema
Action/Drama, Rated R
Starring: Paul Walker, Chazz Palminteri
Directed by Wayne Kramer (also directed *The Cooler*)
Summary: A particular pistol was used to kill a dirty cop is now out of the hands of the mob responsible, and Joey (Walker) must clean up the mess before he's sleeping with the fishes.
Impression: Usually, Paul Walker makes my eyes roll, but I'm changing my stance. If you've liked mob films before, this one will be up your alley. Say "fuh-ged-abaut-it" to what you used to think of Mr. Walker (at least this one time).

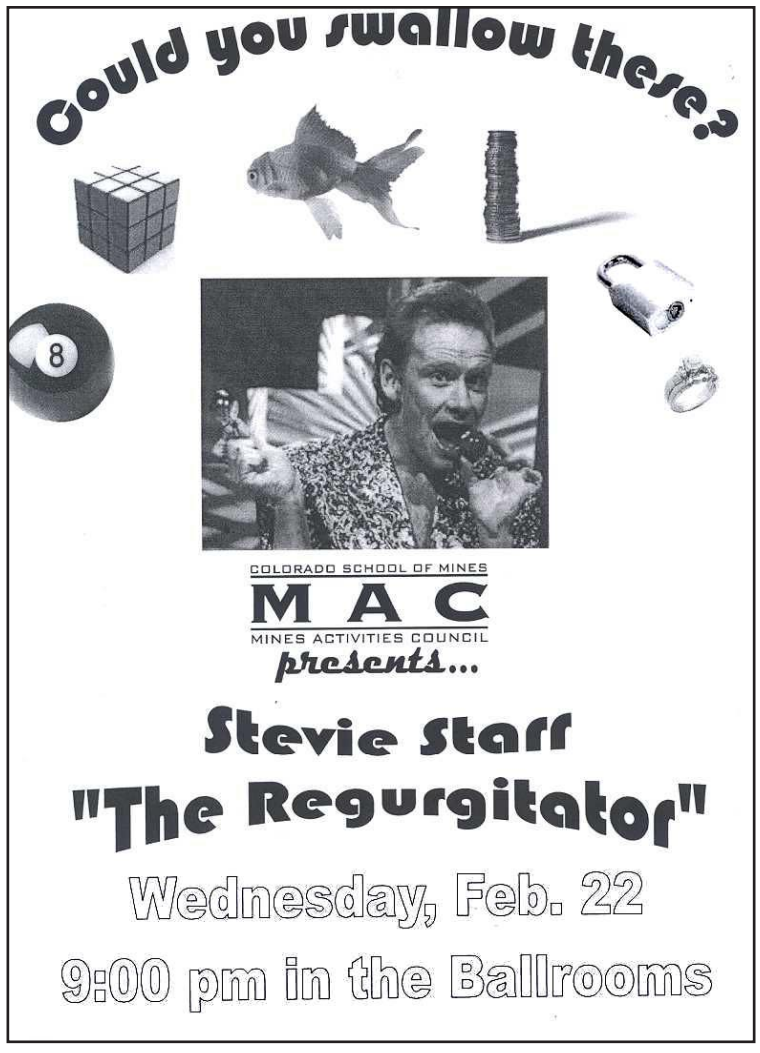
March 3rd

16 Blocks
Warner Bros.
Action/Drama, Rated PG-13
Starring: Bruce Willis, Mos Def, David Morse
Directed by Richard Donner (also directed *Lethal Weapon 1-4*)
Summary: Ol' Jack Mosley (Willis) has to carry out a routine task of transporting a witness (Mos Def) 16 blocks so that he can testify. This trip is anything but routine when dirty cops attempt to stop them by any means in order to protect their names.
Impression: There's a lot to like here. Richard Donner is back from the dead and he's got another cop movie. A great cast should enhance the intriguing plot and make for a very enjoyable experience.

Block Party
Focus Features
Documentary/Comedy, Rated R
Starring: Dave Chappelle, Mos Def, Lauryn Hill
Directed by Michel Gondry (also directed *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*)
Summary: Dave Chappelle hosts a large party featuring his comedic routines and musical guests.
Impression: Plain and simple - you will like this based on how well you receive Dave Chappelle: "I'm rich biatch!"

Ultraviolet
Columbia TriStar
Action, Rated PG-13
Starring: Milla Jovovich, Cameron Bright
Directed by Kurt Wimmer (also directed *Equilibrium*)
Summary: A group of humans have been "infected" with hemophagia which gives them super abilities. Healthy humans mean to wipe them out. Leading the charge against the genocide, Violet (Jovovich) takes names and kicks ass.
Impression: This is along the lines of *Aeon Flux*, but I assure this should be better. Jovovich is hotter, the action should be more creative, fully equipped with weird future names and futuristic guns. Good ol' fashion action film.

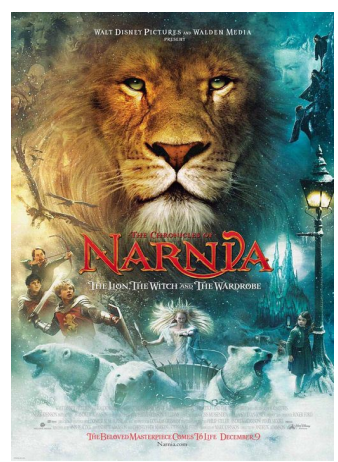
Aquamarine
Teen Comedy, Rated PG
Starring: Emma Roberts, JoJo, Sara Paxton
Directed by Elizabeth Allen
Summary: A pair of teenage girlfriends stumble upon a mermaid and attempt to help her find love.
Impression: This is cheesy as all get-out. This movie will have less action than grass growing, the drama of paint drying and the creativity of a Will Smith song.



Movie Night

Presented by MAC and Student Activities
9:30PM, Ballrooms A&B

February 23



March 02

Bad Date

Chase Hoffman

Imagine you are watching the trailer for this movie and you are reminded of the *Scary Movie* series. You remember how much you liked those films. Then you see that 2 of the 6 writers helped make *Date Movie*. Well, Date Movie is about two sixths as good, because these two nut jobs are the retarded ones and the other four deserve all the credit.

But you must think: parodies are simple...how can it be that bad? Well you need something called "creativity." Most of the parodies involve a simple reference and exaggeration. No twist, spin, or evolvement. In fact some of the jokes were plain stupid, weird, and/or disgusting. The worst part was that they obviously had plenty of material. Romantic comedies are plentiful, each carrying quirks and memorable moments.

Truth be told, this will go down as one of the worst movies of all time in my book. I believe that a blind monkey with a broken camera could make a better film.

Oscar Predictions

Chase Hofman

Roll out that red carpet, dry clean your tux, and prepare your acceptance speech. The 78th Academy Awards is just over the horizon. Last year was filled with a definite variety of films and each nominee deserves the credit associated with it. First of all, this year will be hosted by the one and only Jon Stewart. Last year was hosted by Chris Rock. Producers were apprehensive and imposed a 5 second delay, but he turned out to be a chihuahua with a muzzle. If you haven't tried to endure this glitzy marathon, this might be the year to try it. Here are my predictions for the major categories.

Best Supporting Actress
Outside Chance: Rachel Weisz in *The Constant Gardener*
Better Chance : Michelle Williams in *Brokeback Mountain*
Worst Chance: Amy Adams in *Junebug*

Best Supporting Actor
Outside Chance: Paul Giamatti in *Cinderella Man*
Better Chance: Jake Gyllenhaal in *Brokeback Mountain*
Worst Chance: George Clooney in *Syriana*

Best Actress
Outside Chance: Charlize Theron in *North Country*
Better Chance: Reese Witherspoon in *Walk the Line*
Worst Chance: Keira Knightley in *Pride & Prejudice*

Best Actor
Outside Chance: Heather Ledger in *Brokeback Mountain*
Better Chance: Phillip Seymour Hoffman in *Capote*
Worst Chance: Terrence Howard in *Hustle & Flow*

Best Directing
Outside Chance: David Cronenberg for *A History of Violence*
Better Chance: Ang Lee for *Brokeback Mountain*
Worst Chance: Paul Haggis for *Crash*

Best Picture
Outside Chance: *Capote*
Better Chance: *Brokeback Mountain*
Worst Chance: *Munich*

After doing some research on polls and infusing my personal views, I believe this is the best scenario for the dishing out of golden men. It appears to be stacked in favor of those cowboys who don't know how to quit each other. In the next issue in "Arriving Shortly," I will publish my accuracy. The system for that will be simple: two points for correct on "Better Chance," one point for "Outside Chance," and minus one point for "Worst Chance." I'll take my total points and divide them by maximum possible (twelve).

Tour Dates and Info

EVERY TIME I DIE CONTINUE TO TOUR! ETID ON BLEEDING THROUGH TOUR! WARPED TOUR!

After being awarded the best album of the year by Revolver, Every Time I Die kick started 2006 as direct support for Story of the Year. ETID will continue the life as Special Guests of Bleeding Through with Haste the Day, and Between the Buried and Me also on the bill. What is ETID's summer plans? WARPED TOUR!!!

Don't miss out! Here's what the New York Times have to say on the band:

"Revolver's year end issue offers a smart and pleasingly tendentious survey of the year in heavy music; the fierce, swaggering Buffalo band Every Time I Die takes the tope place lauded for 'wearing its sleezy heart on it's sleeve.' for listeners in the place where heavy music meets avant-garde."

Tour dates:

Every Time I Die w/ Bleeding Through, Between the Buried and Me, Haste the Day:

2/11 – The New Oasis – Reno, NV
2/15 – The Avalon – Hollywood, CA
2/16 – The Pound – San Francisco, CA
2/17 – The Pound – San Francisco, CA
2/18 – Loveland – Portland, OR
2/19 – Neumo's – Seattle, WA
2/21 – The Venue – Boise, ID
2/23 – Cervantes masterpiece Ballroom – Denver, CO
2/24 – Sokol Underground – Omaha, NE
2/25 – Station 4 – St. Paul, MN
2/26 – House of Blues – Chicago, IL
2/28 – Pop's – Sauget, IL
3/01 – Headliner's Music Hall – Louisville, KY
3/02 – St. Andrews Hall – Detroit, MI
3/03 – Town Ballroom – Buffalo, NY
3/04 – Peabody's Down Under – Cleveland, OH
3/05 – Phoenix Concert Theatre – Toronto, ONT
3/06 – Club Soda – Montreal, QC
3/08 – Saratoga Winners – Latham, NY
3/09 – Irving Plaza – New York, NY
3/10 – The Palladium – Worcester, MA
3/11 – The Stone Pony – Asbury Park, NJ
3/12 – Theatre of Living Arts – Philadelphia, PA
3/14 – Nation – Washington DC
3/15 – Norva Theater – Norfolk, VA
3/16 – Tremont Music Hall – Charlotte, NC
3/17 – Ground Zero – Spartanburg, SC
3/18 – Rocketown – Nashville, TN
3/19 – Fuel – Jacksonville, FL
3/21 – Hard Rock Live – Orlando, FL
3/22 – Culture Room – Ft. Lauderdale, FL
3/23 – The Masquerade – Tampa, FL
3/24 – The Masquerade - Atlanta, GA
3/25 – Gypsy Ballroom – Dallas, TX
3/26 – Meridian – Houston, TX
3/27 – White Rabbit – San Antonio, TX
3/28 – The Zone – El Paso, TX
3/30 – Marquee Theatre – Tempe, AZ
3/31 – Soma – San Diego, CA
4/01 – House of Blues – Anaheim, CA

Every Time I Die meet & greets:
3/02 – Taylor, MI – T-shirt Place
3/24 – Buford, GA – Mall of Georgia

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Current Roster:

A Life Once Lost – Hunter – Ferret Music
As I Lay Dying – Shadows Are Security - Metal Blade, On TASTE OF CHAOS TOUR
Black on Black - Tribute to Black Flag 3/14 ReIgnition Records
Children of Bodom -Are You Dead Yet? -Spine Farm
Demiricous - ONE - Metal Blade 1/24
Devildriver - The Fury Of Our Makers Hand - Roadrunner Records, on tour with Trivium and Inflames
Every Time I Die - Gutter Phenomenon - Ferret Music, on tour with Bleeding Through and Haste The Day + Warped
Haste The Day - When Everything Falls -Tooth and Nail, on tour w/ ETID and Bleeding Through
Lamb of God
Nothing Face
Paul Booth - www.darkimages.com
Silent Civilian – Featuring Jonny Santos vocalist of Spineshank - Media Skare Records 4/18
Spitfire - Self-Help - GoodfellowRecords (featuring members of Norma Jean and Scarlet)
Sworn Enemy - The Beginning Of The End - Abacus Recordings 1/24/06 on tour Six Feet Under and Animosity
Wicked Wisdom - 2/21/06 100% Womon Records
10 Years - The Autumn Effect - Republic/Universal
3 - Wake Pig - Metal Blade

Sounds Of The Underground Tour

The organizers for this year's Sounds of the Underground Tour; Paul Conroy and Carl Severson of Ferret Music, Tim Borror, Larry Mazer of Entertainment Services, with National Promoter House of Blues along with partners Metal Blade, Trustkill and Prosthetic Records, The Syndicate, Music Choice, and tour sponsors Hot Topic, Revolver Magazine, Eulogy Records are Proud to announce the official lineup of the sophomore national tour engagement: The Sounds Of The Underground 2006 with As I Lay Dying, In Flames, Trivium, Cannibal Corpse, Gwar, Terror, The Black Dahlia Murder, Behemoth, The Chariot and Through The Eyes Of The Dead.

For seven weeks last summer, the underground rose up and the people flocked in droves as 23 independent Metal, hardcore, black metal, death metal, thrash, and metalcore bands united to spread their piercing individual sounds across the land. In 2005, the premiere Sounds of the Underground tour was so successful, in fact, that by the end of the journey there was little doubt that the show would become an annual event. The only question was who would be on the bill. Now, at long last, the secret can be revealed.

Once again, the tour will feature a wide array of bands from a variety of genre, SOTU proudly announces this year's headliner Southern California based As I Lay Dying, Florida death metal legends Cannibal Corpse, Swedish melodic death metal veterans In Flames and Florida neo-thrash metal champions Trivium will be among those featured on the tour.

Also on the bill will be Detroit modern death metal marauders Black Dahlia Murder, Polish black metal virtuosos Behemoth and (former Norma Jean Vocalist latest band) The Chariot and South Carolina death metal revivalists Through The Eyes Of The Dead . Returning from last year to spread their sickness once again is Antarctica's alien metal band GWAR, also returning for the entire run of SOTU 2006 is Southern California hardcore hooligans Terror. Additional artists may join in the upcoming weeks.

One of the organizers and Ferret Music Partner Paul Conroy states, "We are very excited for this year's Sounds of the Underground," says Paul Conroy, "Artists such as As I Lay Dying, In Flames, Cannibal Corpse and Terror all show the diversity within the heavy music scene that we are proud to have represent our tour. From top to bottom this bill will have something for everyone."

In order to keep concertgoers charged and focused and grant them more exposure to the bands on the bill, Sounds of the Underground has reduced the size of its lineup and increased the length of the set times. As a result, each performance will be more like a mini-concert instead of a variety show appearance.

Cities confirmed thus far for Sounds of the Underground include Denver, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Toronto, Sayreville, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and venues in Texas, New England and Western Canada. Tickets are expected to go on sale in late March.

For more info:

Adrenaline PR: Maria Ferrero 732-462-4262 or

maria@adrenalinepr.com

Heat up the Winter with Outdoor Rec

Bouldering and Burritos

MARCH 6TH

only $10

We'll head up to Boulder to the SPOT for some terrific bouldering followed up by a stop for truly awesome burritos on the way back. Bouldering is a great way to improve your climbing ability and also a safe and fun way to get started for those new to climbing. **All abilities welcome.** Cost is $10 and includes transportation, gear rental, and instruction; sorry you will have to pay for your own burritos. Registration deadline: Fri 3/3 by Noon.

Ski Van to Breckenridge

Only $5

Bum a ride with us for just $5; that's less than you would spend in gas. Let us drive, while you sit back, relax, and enjoy the powder and ignore the traffic! Registration deadline: Wed. 3/1 at 6pm

March 4th

Departs at 6:30am

* SIGN UP BY MARCH 1ST AT 6PM

Jackson Hole or Bust.

Spring Break 2006!

Catch some sun AND some powder this spring break. Forget the beach, come with us and ski or board the best slopes in the lower 48. This will be a spring break trip you will never forget. $250: Cost includes lift tickets for three days and transportation. Lodging not included; however there are cheap options available. Sign up today!

3/18 - 3/22

Registration Deadline 3-15 at noon

For more information visit us in the Mines Park Community Center (next to the C Store) or call us at (303) 273-3184 or check us out at www.mines.edu/stu_life/recsports/morc.

Ice Climbing

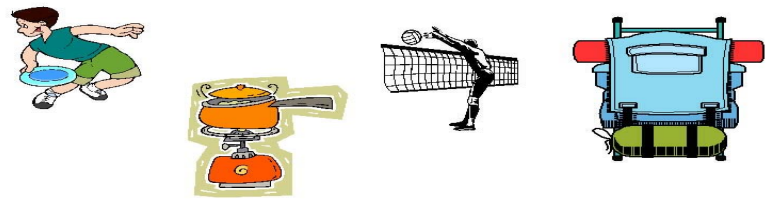
March 4th **only $10!**

Want to take your alpine skills to the next level? Regular rock walls not exciting enough? Frozen waterfalls are just what the doctor ordered. Come let us show you the ropes. The cost for the trip is $10. Cost includes transportation, leadership, instruction, and most equipment. Registration Deadline Wed. 3/1 by 6pm. There is a mandatory pretrip meeting on Wed. 3/1 at 9pm at the ORC.

Discount Rental Weekend

Fri. March 3rd - Mon. March 5th

Rent from Fri. to Mon. and **SAVE A BUNCH OF CASH** and get the gear you need! For every $5 you spend renting gear for the weekend you save a $1. That's right, spend $10 bucks but only pay $8, it's that simple. This special is only good for Fri. to Mon. rentals. Don't miss out on this sweet deal!



ORC Newcomer Cord Moody

Senior Civil Engineering
Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO
Positions): Trip coordinator and Rental Tech.
Favorite Activity (Outdoor): Backpacking
Favorite Activity (Indoor): Climbing
Preferred Trail Food: Dried fruit
Dream Trip: Backpack Appalachian Trail
Favorite Trip: Philmont backpacking 2004
Interesting Fact: Primarily vegetarian raw food diet
Quote: Never let the sun set on tomorrow before the sun rises today

Winter Olympics 2006

Germany Leads Medal Race; Norway, Austria and United States Close Behind

Country	Total Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Germany	18	7	7	4
Norway	17	2	7	8
Austria	15	7	5	3
United States	15	7	5	3
Russia	14	7	2	5
Canada	14	3	6	5
Switzerland	8	2	2	4
South Korea	7	3	3	1
Italy	7	3	0	4
Sweden	7	2	2	3
China	7	1	2	4
France	6	3	1	2
Netherlands	6	2	2	2
Finland	6	0	3	3
Estonia	3	3	0	0
Croatia	3	1	2	0
Czech Republic	2	0	2	0
Ukraine	2	0	0	2
Australia	1	1	0	0
Bulgaria	1	0	1	0
Great Britain	1	0	1	0
Slovakia	1	0	1	0
Latvia	1	0	0	1

Medal Count as of 2/20/06

Track & Field Dominate Meets

Joel Hamilton

Golden, Colo. - The Colorado School of Mines track and field teams were split into half Friday night as some stayed to compete in the CSM Twilight Meet while others traveled to The University of Nebraska to compete in the Prairie Wolf Invitational.

Mines had one provisional qualifier on the night, while three individuals improved their previous provisional qualifying times.

In Nebraska, Senior Heather Beresford (Colorado Springs, Colo./ Lewis Palmer) ran to a provisional mark in the women's 800 meters with a time of 2:13.50 which put her second overall and first for Division II runners. Beresford also ran to a second place overall finish in the women's mile improving her previous time of 4:52.66 to 4:52.30, she was also first for Division II runners in the mile.

Junior Joel Hamilton (Colorado Springs, Colo./Liberty) improved his time in the men's 5000 meters from a 14:41.63 to a 14:32.06. Hamilton was first for collegiate runners, finishing second only behind his coach, Art Siemers who won the race in 14:19.

Also improving his national qualifying time was Larry McDaris (Colorado Springs, Colo./Palmer), McDaris won the men's mile with a time of 4:08.82 besting his previous time of 4:1.79.

While these three had great performances in Nebraska others were also competing well here in Golden at the Twilight Meet.

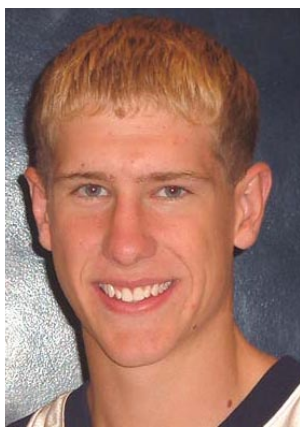
Two women ran to victories in their events. Sydney Laws won the women's 800 meter with a time of 2:30.32 while teammate Courtney Rohde won the women's mile with a time of 5:37.98.

Orediggers Daniel Huck ran to victory in the men's 800 meter in a time of 1:59.57, while thrower Colin Donohue also got a victory in the weight throw with a distance of 15.25.

Most of Mines track and field athletes will wrap up their indoor season this coming weekend when they will compete in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championships held in Chadron, Neb. For a few, it will be preparation for the National meet which will be March 11-14 in Boston, Mass.

Mines Men Defeat UNK

Moores Leads Orediggers to Decisive Victory



Clayton Moores

GOLDEN, Colo. - The Colorado School of Mines men's basketball team raced out to a 12-0 lead five minutes into the game and never relinquished a double digit lead en route to a 70-57 win over Nebraska-Kearney in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference action Saturday night in Volk Gymnasium.

The Orediggers, who posted 12 blocked shots, held UNK to 25 percent (16-63) shooting and a season low in points (57). The Lopers came into the contest as the highest scoring team in the conference at 81.0 points per game.

Junior center Clayton Moores (Denver, Colo./Ranum) posted 11 points, seven rebounds and seven blocked shots to lead CSM. Junior center Ian Elseth (Grants Pass, Ore./Snow JC) added a game-best 20 points, while freshman guard Kyle Pape (Honolulu, Hawaii/Iolani) chipped in 13 points and six boards.

UNK (19-6, 14-3 RMAC) was led by Dusty Jura who recorded 10 points and nine rebounds.

CSM will return to action on Friday night when it hosts Regis at 8:00 pm in Volk Gymnasium.

UNK Squeaks by CSM

Women B-Ball Suffers Heartbreak at Home

Golden, Colo. - The Colorado School of Mines Women's basketball team lost what was a much needed win Saturday night to The University of Nebraska-Kearney 59-3.

In what was a hard fought battle the entire way through, the Orediggers watched a possible win slip away in the last seconds of the game. A heartbreaker is what it could be called, as the Orediggers had the Lopers within two before referee calls put the Lopers up by seven with only nine seconds remaining.

Mines was highlighted by Senior Ashley Gronewoller (Pagosa Springs, Colo./Pagosa Springs) who broke yet another school record. After breaking the record for most career rebounds earlier this season, Gronewoller broke the record for most career points, ending the night with 17 and 1,364 in her career. Gronewoller broke Kelly Hadley's record of 1,349. She also added 12 rebounds to her record breaking night.

Also scoring in double figures for the Orediggers were Angela Pearson (Arvada, Colo./Maranath) who had 13 points along with seven rebounds, and Iva Tomova (Varna, Bulgaria/ Northeastern J.C.) who had 11.

The Lopers were led by Liz Fischers 17 points.

CSM will return to action next weekend with their last two regular season games. Game times are on Friday and Saturday at 6:00 pm at Volk Gymnasium.

CSM Drops Road Series

Matt Thome

PORTALES, N.M. - The Colorado School of Mines baseball team picked up one win in four games during a nonconference series at Eastern New Mexico over the weekend at Greyhound Field.

ENMU (7-1) won Friday's opener, 12-9, and also won the first game on Saturday's doubleheader, 5-3. The Orediggers rallied to take Saturday's nightcap, 11-2, behind a strong pitching performance from junior Matt Thome (Espanola, N.M./Los Alamos). However, ENMU scored one run in the bottom of the ninth to win Sunday's finale, 7-6.

Thome went all seven innings and allowed just two runs on two hits. He also fanned nine batters. Freshman pitcher Jared Osif (Lakewood, Colo./Green Mountain) was strong in his relief effort in the series opener. In his first collegiate action, Osif went 5 1/3 innings and allowed three runs, two earned, on six hits and struck out three.

Sophomore second baseman Matt Owens (Highlands Ranch, Colo./ThunderRidge) and sophomore shortstop Caleb Rudkin (Fort Collins, Colo./Fort Collins) led the way at the plate for CSM as each hit .444 (8-18) in the series.

Owens also contributed five runs, a double and five RBI, while Rudkin scored four times and drove in four more.

CSM (2-5) will return to action this weekend when it hosts Central Washington for a four-game series at CSM Field. The teams will play a pair of doubleheaders on Saturday and Sunday beginning at 12:00 pm each day

Alpha Phi Omega
Nat'l co-ed service frat. dedicated to leadership, friendship & service. Sun. 7:00, SC 236. Everyone welcome! dschneid@mines.edu.

Anime Club
Need to get away from reality for a while & see a large robot step on a school? Showings on some Wed. nights. adreed@mines.edu.

ASA
Asian Student Association. Interested in Asian issues, culture, food? You DON'T have to be Asian! bnguyen@mines.edu.

Astronomy Club
Like Space? Want to learn more about the night sky? Come join the Astronomy Club for semi-weekly meetings in MH375 at 9:15. Questions? mgefreh@mines.edu

Ballroom Dance
Learn to swing dance! Lindy, Shag, and Balboa. Beginners Welcome! Thurs @ 8:30 pm in SC-D, E. contact: Terri, twagner @mines.edu.

CCC
Campus Crusade for Christ. Thurs. @ 8 in SC-D. Everyone welcome, join for worship @ 7 before meetings.

Creative Arts Club
Art shows, gallery hopping, local music and more! You don't have to be an artist! Take a break from school and see what we're doing at www.mines.edu/stu_life/organ/crarts email: cac@mines.edu.

Circle K Int'l
Circle K is a volunteer org. helping people. Got tons of projects, just need you! 1st & 3rd Tues. 7 SC-B gwoods@mines.edu.

Dance Team
Interested in dancing? Offers both beginning and advanced classes in: jazz, lyrical, hip hop, and tap. Times & directions akeller@mines.edu or anehlet@mines.edu.

Earthworks
Earthworks, environmental club. Recycling, trail clean-ups, tye-dye & plant sale, Earth Day celebration & more. earthworks@mines.edu.

EBW
Engineers for a Better World. Do engineering projects to help struggling people worldwide. 1st&3rd Tues. SC-C nlagher@mines.edu.

FCA
Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Weds. 7:30 SC-D&E. All welcome. jabryant@mines.edu.

High Grade
Literary Mag. Accepting submissions for 2005 edition as well as new staff. Submissions, ?'s: highgrade@mines.edu.

ISO
International Student Organization. representing interests of internationals. International Office (1404 Maple St.) Leslie 303-273-3210 or Kenny 303-215-0449.

Karate Club
Mon. & Wed. 6:30-7:30 Wrestling room. All welcome, beg. to adv. 303-215-6131 epesce@mines.edu.

Kayak Club
Pool sessions Mons. 8-9PM. All welcome, beg. to adv. mwisniew@mines.edu.

Kendo Club
*** NEW TIME ***
Where: Field House
When: Wednesday, January 25, 2005
8:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.
Anyone who is interested should attend; we will provide all the information necessary. Practice is open to all skill levels, no experience necessary. A great opportunity to exercise, improve coordination, and have fun. If you have any questions please contact, bcallagh@mines.edu

Investment Club
Learn what "Pay Yourself First" really means. Tue. 3-4PM AH 362 or 151 depending on availability. corn_daddy@hotmail.com.

MSEC
Material Science Engineering club. All majors invited to join. jnekuda@mines.edu.

Newman Group
Catholic Newman Group. Tues. 8:30 p.m. Ted Adams room (GC). All, regardless of beliefs or affiliation, are welcome ccooper@ mines.edu.

ORC
Outdoor Rec. Center. Recreation, equipment and lessons. Visit ORC next to C3 store in Mines Park. Hours: Mon. Wed. and Fri. from 10-6, Tues. and Thurs. from 12-6. 303-273-3184

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Phi Beta Delta
Honor society dedicated to recognizing the scholarly achievement of international students on the Mines campus and American students who have studied abroad. Meetings 1st and 3rd Mondays in SH102 at noon. For information contact Matt Donnelly, madonnel@mines.edu.

Robotics Club
Every 1st & 3rd Tues BB 206. atodd@mines.edu.

Rugby
No height, weight or age requirements. Great social life. Excellent way to continue a contact sport. rugby@mines.edu.

SBE
Students in Bioengineering. Use skills to influence medicine & other bioengineering realms. See opportunities, including BELS minor & local industry. biostudents@mines.edu.

SCA
Students for Creative Anachronism. Fencing meets Thrus. 7-9 in the Field House. Belly & court dance Tues. 7-9 in SC. kyrlee@mines.edu.

Snowboard Club
Open to anyone who wants to make tracks. Great benefits, competition and parties. jkopp@hotmail.com.

Sigma Lambda
1st and 3rd Tuesays of Every Month Student Center -- 236
EVERYONE WELCOME: gay, bisexual, transgendered & allies. sigmalambda@mines.edu.

SHPE
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. Guest Speakers, Heritage Awareness and more. Every second Friday at noon. esalas@mines.edu.

Ski Bums
Like to Ski? People to ski with, fun activities & trips. Great ski deals & a great time. jtebeest@mines.edu 303-877-7343.

Ski Team
Continue racing in a relaxed environment or just an excuse to go skiing more. Join Ski Team! rcadenhe@mines.edu.

Sober Drivers
Need a ride home on Fri. or Sat. night between 9 pm & 3 am? Kappa Sigma Sober Driver Program 303-279-9951. Must be within 15 min. of campus.

SWE
Society of Women Engineers. Hear from speakers in industry, universities etc. on topics affecting women & students at Mines. Weds. 12 CO 209 kmutersp@mines.edu.

SPE
Society of Petroleum Engineers, Prof. org. Learn about the technology & business aspects used in the petroleum industry.magallag@mines.edu.

Club Tennis
New members welcome for info, email astoddar@mines.edu.

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All Life-Threatening Emergencies: 911

Public Safety
Public safety concerns, suspicious incidents, crimes & emergencies 1812 Illinois Street (NW corner of Illinois & 19th) 303-273-3333 24/7

Student Health Center
Routine medical and dental issues 1225 17th Street (SE corner of Elm and 17th) 303-273-3381 8 am -12 pm & 1 pm - 4:45 pm M-F

Student Development Services
Personal, academic, career, and crisis counseling. Student Center, Suite 8 (behind the Cashier) 303-273-3377 M-F 8-5

Comitis Crisis Center
Suicide and crisis intervention hotline & emergency shelter assistance 303-343-9890 24/7

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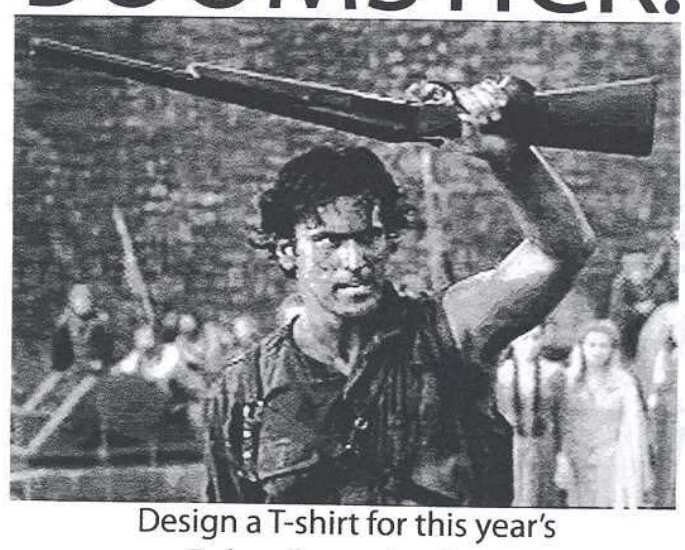

Design a T-shirt for this year's E-days fireworks show

Our winner will receive a T-shirt and 4 prime seats for the fireworks show!

Contest open to all students and faculty members

Send questions or submissions by March 13 to:

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jeperkin@mines.edu
or
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